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Welcome to the City of Middletown!



As Mayor of the City of Middletown, I welcome you to our city. Our Business & Community Guide is designed to give you a taste of our fine community.

I invite you to see what Middletown has to offer. Stroll down our historic Main Street and you will see why we are so proud. Our corporate leaders include Pratt & Whitney, Middlesex Hospital, Kaman Aerospace and MiddleOak.

Look to Middletown for your business expansion. We have great locations for industry, health care and retail businesses. The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Middletown Planning, Conservation

& Development Office are ready to make your move to Middletown a success.

Middletown is a great place to raise a family. Our public and private schools along with Wesleyan University and Middlesex Community College offer exceptional educational opportunities. And *Connecticut Magazine* ranks Middletown one of '20 Great Places to Retire in Connecticut.'

Look to Middletown - we're ready for you.

Sincerely,

Sebastian N. Giuliano, Mayor

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Aptly named, Middletown is located in the center of Connecticut, just south of the state capital. *The heart of southern New England.*

- 15 miles from Hartford, 75 from Providence, 100 from New York City and 115 from Boston
- Direct access to Interstate Route 91 and Route 9
- The Arrigoni Bridge offers direct access to Connecticut east of the river
- Local access to Providence & Worcester Railroad freight rail

- Located on the Connecticut River with access to commercial barge transport and pleasure boating
- Just 25 miles from Bradley International Airport, 15 miles to Brainard Airport in -- Hartford and 25 miles to Tweed Airport in New Haven
- Local bus service through the Middletown Transit District. www.middletownareatransit.org

Population: 46,875
Labor Force: 26,224
Unemployment Rate: 4%
Land area: 42 square miles
Government: Mayor, common council
Population per square mile: 1,146
Median age: 38
Total Housing Units: 20,703
Median Household Income: \$58,174
Top 5 Major Employers: Aetna, Pratt & Whitney, Middlesex Hospital, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Wesleyan University

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Revitalization

Middletown features the best of urban, suburban & rural New England all within 42 square miles. Middletown has proven to be a city on the move, witnessing successful revitalization projects and strong growth in business and industry.



Middletown has improved by capitalizing on its strengths, including an exceptional setting, rich history, scenic natural resources and a community bursting with creative energy and entrepreneurial spirit. With a pro-business government balanced by sound land-use planning, the City of Middletown continues to grow in ways that will benefit its residents, employers, employees and visitors.

A glimpse of what Middletown has to offer:

- An accessible, dynamic downtown business district
- An attractive, revitalized Main Street with eclectic shopping & destination dining
- A sophisticated “college-town” atmosphere
- Arts, culture & entertainment for all ages
- Open spaces, parks & other natural resources
- Rich in history, historical architecture & cultural diversity
- An award-winning hospital, growing medical corridor, top rated university and strong service sector
- A diverse economic base, combining a commercial and professional services business district with an industrial sector of precision trades

Architecture & History

“Middletown I think is the most beautiful Town of all...” John Adams, 1771

With a half-dozen different historic districts, Middletown has a wealth of important and interesting architecture that spans its 350-year history. The Greater Middletown Preservation Trust has catalogued almost 60 historic residences and public buildings in the downtown area and on Wesleyan University campus on the city’s website. This list of structures ranges from numerous 18th-century residences to the 1930s-era Saint Sebastian’s Church and illustrates the diversity and significance of Middletown’s architectural heritage.

The Middletown Heritage Trail (created by the Middlesex County Historical Society) provides a self-guided walking (or bicycle) tour featuring 20 of the city’s historic landmarks. Illustrated panels at each site describe the historical significance and free brochures include maps leading to sites throughout the downtown area. Guided tours for groups are also available through the Historical Society for a small fee.

Middlesex County Historical Society www.middlesexhistory.org

“Dedicated to preserving the history of Middlesex County,” the Middlesex County Historical Society provides educational programs for adults and children, opportunities for genealogy research plus a museum with limited hours open to the public. The society and museum are located in the General Mansfield House, a restored 1810 Federal-style home in downtown Middletown, and features a Civil War exhibit; a virtual exhibit of immigrant voices from the various ethnic groups who settled Middletown; plus art, decorative arts, textiles, militaria, and photographs.



It's All Here!

- A steady growth in labor force and employment created by new and expanding businesses
- Over one million square feet of commercial space has been created in Middletown in the last decade, with almost 300,000 square feet of new and expanded space added or under construction in 2008-09
- Future commercial/industrial projects will add almost 800,000 square feet of development in 2008-2010
- Strategically planned land-use carefully balances more than 2,000 acres of commercial/industrial-zoned land with six times that much dedicated to residential property plus over 2,400 acres of open space
- 17% of the city's grand list is comprised of commercial and industrial uses

Middletown in the Movies

This new online video collection highlights the best of City of Middletown, including features on education, healthcare, business growth and real estate opportunities and the City's dining, accommodations and recreational offerings.

"The Movie Tours are a great way for residents, visitors and potential businesses or patrons to see the City's highlights on their computer regardless of whether the person is in Seattle or already on our Main Street," says Mayor Giuliano. The link can be found on the City's website under Middletown Tour Movies.

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Business Development & Incentives:

www.middletownplanning.com

- **Tax Abatement Program** – Partial tax abatement program is available to new firms or those interested in expanding existing businesses
- **REINVEST Loan Program** – low interest loans from the city's Economic Development Fund are available to commercial property owners and/or tenants for up to 50% of the construction costs of exterior and interior improvements
- **JOBS Loan Program** – Loans from the city's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund are available to small businesses for improvements and working capital at a ratio of \$10,000 per new full-time low to moderate-income jobs

Middletown's Enterprise Zone

Offered by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, this program offers an 80% five year local property tax abatement on real and personal property and a 25% or a 50% credit on the state corporate business tax of the business, depending on eligibility.

Center for Business and Industry Services at Middlesex Community College

www.mxcc.commnet.edu/work/cbis.shtml

The College's Center for Business and Industry Services (CBIS) provides client companies with a variety of services including custom-designed training, business consultation services, information gathering and referral, as well as workshops and seminars for business and industry.

Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce

www.middlesexchamber.com

With almost 2,400 member businesses, the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce has served the business community of Middlesex County since 1895 and has grown tremendously in membership since 1983. A new Chamber council called **CREATIVE JUICE (Arts & Creative Council)** convened in late



Development Opportunities, Current Projects & Future Plans:

Middletown continues to grow and change for the better. Downtown Middletown has two new mixed-use developments under construction. These are the first new buildings constructed on the historic Main Street in many years.

- **Liberty Square** a 19,000 square foot retail and office building, which will be home to It's Only Natural Market and new offices.

- **Landmark Square** will be a 30,000 square foot retail/office building. This project will replace the old Middletown Press building on Main Street with a new RiteAid Pharmacy plus restaurant and office space.

- **I-91 Interstate Trade Zone**

M. F. DiScala & Company will construct three new industrial buildings totaling 440,000 square feet. Liberty Commerce Park is in negotiations with new companies. Centerpoint Executive Park will construct 130,000 square feet of offices along I-91.

2007, offering artists, arts organizations and related businesses within the Chamber opportunities to sustain and expand the creative economy of the region. It provides advocacy on the impact of the arts, stimulates alliances with the greater business community and provides professional development programs.

The Middlesex County Revitalization Commission a chamber partnership focuses on the revitalization of manufacturing and commercial districts. This commission administers a Revolving Loan Fund, designed to encourage business growth that results in the retention or creation of jobs in the region.

Side Street to Main Street is another chamber partnership with Aetna, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Essex Group that offers a grant worth \$5,000 to attend a 12-week entrepreneurship forum designed to help small, minority-owned businesses succeed.

Community Economic Development Fund

www.cedf.com

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Middletown ranks #6 in the **"Top Ten of New England Main Streets"** by the Boston Globe's ExploreNewEngland.com



Downtown Middletown is a confluence of commercial, retail and entertainment. The mix of businesses and entertainment make the city a great place to have some fun and to work.

The busy city center is home to professional services, government offices, Middlesex Hospital and Wesleyan University. Thousands of prospective students and their families tour the Wesleyan Campus. Middlesex Hospital is a community hospital serving the region.

With dozens of international restaurants, Main Street Middletown is known as the place to dine in Central Connecticut. Entertainment ranges from a 12-screen Cineplex to small clubs. Young families stroll downtown and visit Kidcity Children's Museum, Oddfellows Playhouse, Green Street Arts Center and the wonderland of Amato's Toy & Hobby Store. Students and professionals fill the coffee houses and take advantage of the free WIFI on Main Street.

In the last dozen years, Middletown's historic downtown has experienced a notable renaissance. With one of the widest main streets in the country, a wealth of historic architecture, a university campus within walking distance, a creative entrepreneurial base, and a pro-business government, Main Street and the surrounding business district was ripe for renewal. Today, Middletown's downtown boasts one of the lowest commercial vacancy rates in the state. On any given day or night, Main Street reveals a dynamic





"Artistic individuals and creative businesses have a powerful impact on the economic vibrancy and quality of life in Middletown. The joining together of creativity and commerce is a partnership that can boost the economic strength of any region, and here in Middletown, It's a win-win."

Larry McHugh, President
Middlesex Chamber
Middletown Press
November, 2007

and diverse mix of people working, playing, shopping, dining, celebrating, entertaining, visiting, strolling, browsing, and much more...

Downtown Business District (DBD) www.middletowndowntown.com

The Downtown Business District was created in 2001 as a special services district in the downtown area. Its mission is to "enhance the downtown through street beautification, public safety, marketing and business recruitment thus making it a desirable destination for residents and visitors..." The DBD offers an online shopping, dining & entertainment guide for visitors and the community; a newsletter for business owners, plus DBD gift certificates that are redeemable at over 60 businesses. The Downtown Business District also organizes and promotes annual events such as the June Car Cruise and Sock Hop attracting vintage autos, street vendors and people dancing and be-bopping to the 50's and 60's music played by radio stations and bands on Main Street.

If you're looking for a great place to dine, look to Middletown. If you're looking for a new location for your business, look to Middletown. If you're looking for new customers, they are here...shopping and dining in our city by the river.

North End Revitalization

The North End Neighborhood is experiencing a renewal with the opening of Wharfside Commons, 96 new apartments by the Richman Group. Broad Park Development and Nehemiah Housing are working with the city to

create 18 affordable homeownership units in the neighborhood. Four of the units are in an historic building that was preserved and moved from Main Street by an enlightened city government to make way for the new Liberty Square retail/office building.



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Destination Middletown

"Old-timey American downtowns are among the most attractive places on Earth, and when the textured beauty of that turn-of-the-last-century architecture is dolled up with holiday trimming, the effect is a joy to witness. That's the scene on Middletown's wide Main Street, where the big-windowed store fronts sparkle with reds and greens, silver and gold."

Jesse Leavenworth,
The Hartford Courant
December, 2007

Earning ZAGAT's coveted TOPS lists for Food, Décor, and Best Chinese Cuisine in Connecticut, Middletown's Forbidden City Bistro was hailed by Zagat's with this review: "... deserves accolades for its wonderful, inventive modern Chinese fusion dishes, which are complemented by a great wine list; elegant decor adds big city charm and there's a nice patio in summer, so in sum, it's a fine addition to the scene."

Middletown has become a destination for adventurous diners, and the city's restaurants have garnered rave reviews from critics. Middletown offers more than 100 eateries and restaurants, with 32 located in the Downtown Business District. Diners can sample Italian, Japanese, Thai, Indian, Middle Eastern, Mexican, Chinese cuisine and more. In addition, cafes, bars, ice cream shops, bakeries, a chocolatier, an English tea room, a green grocer, a health food store, a vegetarian restaurant and a well-known National Historic Register silver diner called O'Rourke's offer a wealth of options for eating and drinking. In the summer, many establishments offer al fresco dining with patio or sidewalk tables.



Entertainment for Everyone

In Middletown, there's a diversion that will appeal to every taste, for every age around every corner. Within walking distance of Main Street alone, one can enjoy an array of live music; the latest movies at a 12-screen theater, dancing, roller skating, yoga or laser tag, art exhibitions, theatrical performances or literary readings, and more...

"Middletown boasts the most robust community arts programming I've seen in this state... there's something about being within walking distance of 5 to 10 separate, simultaneous performances that makes you feel like you're in the middle of something hot."

Dan Barry - *Hartford Advocate*
December, 2007

Kidcity

www.kidcitymuseum.com

Kidcity is a hands-on children's museum located in the historic 1835 Camp-Sterns House, which was moved and fully renovated to accommodate the museum in 1997. Built for children ages 1 through 8 and their adult friends, Kidcity's goal is "to celebrate a child's natural curiosity" and to allow kids to learn through play. Exhibits are the work of a creative team plus numerous volunteer artists, carpenters, parents and others. Activities "celebrate the art of playing pretend" and include The Ship, The Farm, Main Street, Toddler Sea Caves, Musical Planet and more. Kidcity continues to grow in size and popularity. In 2003, they doubled the size of the museum with an addition that added three floors of exhibits, including a new science-themed area, the Space Age Roadtrip that opened in 2006.

Oddfellows Playhouse

www.oddfellows.org

Oddfellows Playhouse, founded in 1975, offers theater productions and classes by and for children and young adults. Oddfellows is a nationally recognized youth theater with an emphasis on multicultural programming and positive youth development, serving a diverse student body and fostering creativity and artistic growth in the community. From ages 2 to 92, Oddfellows offers everyone a chance to experience the magic of theater.

Wesleyan Potters

www.wesleyanpotters.com

Wesleyan Potters is a non-profit cooperative guild, founded in 1948 to promote the learning and development of skills in craft.

Car Cruise and Sock Hop on Main

www.middletowndowntown.com

On a warm evening in June, Main Street rolls back to the good old days as Cruise Night takes place along Main Street. Main Street becomes a pedestrian mall as hundreds of classic hot rods, antique and muscle cars line the street and the south green. Crowds of spectators enjoy the sights and sounds of the terrific display, the '50s and '60s music, the magic and refreshments. The Mayor's Trophy is presented to the winner selected from the best of show.

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Parks & Recreation

Middletown's Parks & Recreation Department maintains over 30 different venues for use by Middletown residents, including parks, playgrounds, sports fields, nature/walking trails, scenic areas, natural water features for swimming, fishing & boating, a public pool and more. The department also provides year-round activities for residents of all ages. **An extensive PDF brochure is available on the city's website:** http://www.cityofmiddletown.com/ParksRec/parks_&_recreation.htm.

The Great Outdoors

Middletown has numerous natural resources, such as 8 miles of waterfront on the Connecticut River plus several smaller rivers and streams, a trap rock ridge for hiking and climbing, and 2,400 acres of open space purchased and preserved by the city in the last 15 years. Parts of the state's Blue Blazed trails run through Middletown.

The Middletown Conservation Commission's Trail Guide is a comprehensive guide to Middletown's open spaces. The guide provides information about numerous locations for passive recreation, including walking, cross country skiing, nature study, biking, jogging and even canoeing and kayaking. Nearby, Wadsworth Falls State Park in Middlefield is a popular place for hikers, mountain bikers, x-c skiers, fishermen and swimmers.



Middletown's downtown is a highly walkable area, with wide sidewalks, numerous crosswalks and diverse scenery. The city offers a "Middletown in Motion" brochure/map with two short walks featuring Downtown and the North End, along with a Heritage Trail guide by the Middlesex Historical Society.

Northern Middlesex YMCA

www.middlesexymca.org

Located at the southern end of Middletown's Main Street, the Northern Middlesex YMCA serves Middletown and surrounding communities with a fitness center, swimming pool, adult fitness classes, youth programs including sports, before and after school care and summer camps, and a youth center for study and gathering place.

As one of 2,000 YMCAs in the United States, the Middlesex YMCA is a "vital community organization committed to high quality services in the areas of health and wellness, fitness, child care, family enrichment, life skills for teens, aquatics, camping, youth development, adult residence and recreation." It is dedicated to "provide to a broad spectrum of our community, high quality programs, services, and facilities that improve individual and family life, encourage healthier life styles and assist youth in developing into responsible adulthood."

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Hospitality, Weddings & Event Planning

Middletown's unique combination of history, arts & culture, diverse shopping & dining, and natural & urban spaces make it an ideal place to welcome guests for weddings, events, corporate outings and tourism. Without being overwhelming, there truly is something for everyone in Middletown.



Lady Katharine Cruises

www.ladykatecruises.com

Named in memory of Connecticut's own Katharine Hepburn, Lady Katharine Cruises has worked to create a dinner cruise line that "celebrates the good life: both grand style as well as casual comfort." Lady Kate Cruises runs along the Connecticut River offering private charters for weddings and special occasions and public cruises including Sunday Brunch and special events from mid-April through New Year's Eve.

The Inn at Middletown

www.innatmiddletown.com

Located in the recently renovated, historic National Guard Armory on Main Street, The Inn at Middletown offers 100 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites, indoor pool, fitness center, valet parking, room service, and complimentary high speed internet access. The Inn's award-winning restaurant, the Tavern at the Armory, takes you back in history as you enjoy delicious American Regional fare highlighted by regional and seasonal favorites.

Wadsworth Mansion

www.wadsworthmansion.com

The Wadsworth Mansion is rented as a gracious setting for weddings and parties, but it is also a venue for community events. The surrounding parklands and several nature trails are open to the public daily, and docent-led historical tours of the Mansion are held weekly except if an event is scheduled.

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Middletown Commission on the Arts

Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA) A self-proclaimed "artcentric" community, Middletown has a rich cultural life. The arts are actively supported by the city government through the MCA. Established in 1972, the commission works to "encourage interest and participation in the arts by providing services, resources, information and events to and for artists, organizations and the general public." MCA works with local arts and culture organizations such as North End Rising, Oddfellows Playhouse and Green Street Arts Center. MCA publishes a monthly calendar featuring extensive information on Middletown's cultural events, performances and exhibitions.

MCA also helps fund children's arts programs through KIDS ARTS and supports community activities & programs such as a public art collection and weekly summer concerts. MCA coordinates the Independence Day festivities and fireworks display on the Connecticut River.



The core of Green Street's programming is the After School Program, which provides an afternoon haven where Middletown area children and young adults can explore their creativity and develop practical skills for everyday life.

Green Street Arts Center

www.greenstreetartscenter.org

The Green Street Arts Center is a project of Wesleyan University created in collaboration with the City of Middletown and the North End Action Team. Since opening in 2005, the Green Street Arts Center has offered a broad spectrum of arts classes, workshops and programming for adults, teens, children and families.

Located in Middletown's North End, the Green Street Arts Center has served more than 8,500 people, including residents, community members, adults, children and families from the city of Middletown, surrounding towns and the greater Middletown region. Serving as a place for community gathering and celebration, Green Street is an anchor for the revitalization efforts currently underway in Middletown's North End.



Wesleyan University's Center for the Arts

www.wesleyan.edu/cfa

This prestigious liberal arts university—known for its world music, film studies and other arts programs—offers “world-class and cutting-edge arts experiences” to the public, such as visual art exhibitions, dance and theater performance and concerts. Wesleyan boasts a music hall, theater, cinema and several galleries, including the Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies, Davison Art Center and the Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery.



Film Studies Center at Wesleyan.
Photo courtesy of Wesleyan University.

The Center for the Arts (CFA) houses Wesleyan University's arts departments and serves as a cultural center for the campus, Middletown and the region by presenting a wide variety of events and exhibitions, ranging from student and faculty works to internationally acclaimed ensembles. The mission of the visiting artist series is to present the highest caliber of artists who extend and/or enhance Wesleyan's curriculum with a focus on those who are testing the boundaries of their art forms, who are true innovators in their fields, and whose work emanates from the widest spectrum of world cultures.

Courtesy of Wesleyan University Center for the Arts

NEAR, Inc./The Buttonwood Tree www.buttonwood.org

North End Arts Rising (NEAR), Inc. founded in 1991, is a community-based, mostly volunteer, non-profit arts center. As an outgrowth of the Ibis Books and Gallery (a used book store), NEAR, Inc. operates as a 501c3 non-profit arts and cultural organization and maintains The Buttonwood Tree. It has evolved

into a versatile arts venue, performance studio, exhibit space and bookstore. The Buttonwood Tree draws performers and audiences from all over the region as it continues to provide a haven for artists of all sorts. You can view an updated schedule of events on the website or email thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com.

Russell Library www.russelllibrary.org

Russell Library is an important regional resource and provides access to an extensive collection of books, magazines and newspapers, media such as CDs, DVDs, videos, and recorded books, teen and children's materials, comprehensive reference service, and high-speed Internet access.

In addition to extensive children's and teen literature collections, the Library offers a wide variety of activities and programs for kids. A Russell library card also allows one to check out passes to more than 16 museums and state parks, including the Peabody Museum, Science Center, Kidcity, and Mystic Seaport.

For adults, Russell Library offers a unique collection of local history and genealogy materials. Assistive technologies are available for the hearing and visually impaired. Career workshops, job search assistance and small business resources are also offered. The library also offers entertainment, such as concerts, theatrical performances, author appearances, and instructional programs. Community rooms can be reserved for local organizations' meetings.

Godfrey Memorial Library www.godfrey.org

Trace your family ancestry at the Godfrey Memorial Library. Thousands of resources are available both in the library and online. In-house resources include the American Genealogical Biographical Index (AGBI), city directories, family histories, and vital records throughout the United States. International resources are available to search as well. The library also holds a licensed Family History Center that allows patrons to order a wide variety of microfilm or microfiche and view it on site.

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Meds & Eds

Photo courtesy of Wesleyan University.

While many successful cities can boast of a “learning corridor” or a “medical corridor,” Middletown can proudly lay claim to both. The dual pillars of medicine and education give Middletown a strong edge in providing good jobs, qualified workers and excellent services.

Middletown is home to Wesleyan University—a prestigious liberal arts college—Middlesex Community College—offering a fine, affordable post-secondary education for people of all ages—plus numerous quality educational options for children in public, private and parochial schools. Middletown is also home to the award-winning Middlesex Hospital, the place greater Middlesex County looks to for all its health needs. With a new, \$33M, 35,000-square-foot Emergency Department, Middlesex Hospital again proves its commitment to continuing excellence and providing the most updated, state-of-the-art medical attention for its patients.

In addition, Middletown’s Saybrook Road offers a rapidly growing corridor of medical offices. Along with the 270,000 square feet of medical office space, more new practices are flocking to this mecca for health care as well as existing services that are expanding. Orthopedic Associates is currently constructing a 32,000-sf medical practices building and is planning to construct a 12,000-sf orthopedic surgery center. In addition, Medical Development Associates is planning to build two additional medical office buildings, totaling 41,000 square feet, at Heritage Medical Office Park.



The brand new \$110M High School and Vocational Agricultural Center is on schedule and slated to open for the September 2008 school year. This building boasts energy conservation in the form of fuel cell technology. In addition, Middletown High School received a 2kW solar photovoltaic system from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund.

Middletown Public Schools www.middletownschoools.org

Middletown Public Schools consist of 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, a high school and an adult education program. The school system educates an ethnically and economically diverse population. Additional special programs such as Vocational Agriculture, ESL, School-Business Partnerships, Upward Bound, Tech Prep and a variety of parent organizations are offered in addition to traditional academics, sports programs and other extracurricular activities.

Wesleyan University www.wesleyan.edu

This prestigious liberal arts university was founded in 1831 and has always been an integral part of Middletown’s community. Today, Wesleyan educates a diverse population of 3,200 undergraduate and graduate students in over 44 major fields of study on a 290-acre campus.

Middlesex Community College www.mxctc.commnet.edu

Founded in 1966, Middlesex Community College educates over 2,200 full and part-time students on 3 campuses in Middletown, Meriden and Old Saybrook. The main 38-acre campus in Middletown overlooks the Connecticut River and

the city of Middletown. MCC students can earn associate degrees in more than 20 major areas or certificates in programs that lead to further education, employment and active citizenship. The college also offers credit-free courses to more than 1,700 Continuing Education students. Believing that a college education should be available to everyone, the school's mission is "to promote understanding, learning, ethics, and self-discipline by encouraging critical thinking" as well as to offer "personal support in developing the genius of each student."

Health Care

Middlesex Hospital www.midhosp.org

Middlesex Hospital is a not-for-profit patient-focused health network where state-of-the-art technology is combined with an uncommon level of personal concern for patients and families. Since 1904, the resources of Middlesex Hospital have been focused entirely on the health needs and priorities of the residents of the communities in Greater Middlesex County. Middlesex Hospital operates more than 30 inpatient, outpatient, primary care and emergency facilities throughout Greater Middlesex County with over 300 active physicians on staff representing every major specialty.

In March of 2008, Middlesex Hospital opened the doors to the new Whelen Emergency Pavilion, triple the size of its previous Emergency Department. The Whelen Emergency Pavilion features private rooms for emergency and urgent care patients, separate entrances for ambulance and walk-in patients, bedside registration, and an expanded and secure behavioral health area.

Middlesex Hospital is Connecticut's first Magnet Hospital, a special status awarded by the American Nurses Association to recognize nursing excellence. Other Centers of Excellence include the Hospital's freestanding Cancer Center, Radiology and Laboratory, Pregnancy & Birth Center, Family Medicine Program, Center for Bariatric Surgery, Orthopedics, Homecare and One MacDonough Place, an assisted-living facility.

Accredited by The Joint Commission and by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, and licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Middlesex Hospital is committed to providing the highest quality of health care and wellness services.

One MacDonough Place www.midhosp.org

Located in the heart of Middletown, One MacDonough Place offers seniors

personal care and household services in the privacy of their own apartments. Residents enjoy all the benefits of independent living – with the security of knowing that caring, skilled assistance is available whenever it is needed. Owned by Middlesex Health System, One MacDonough Place represents the organization's ongoing commitment to providing a full continuum of services to meet the needs of seniors and their families.

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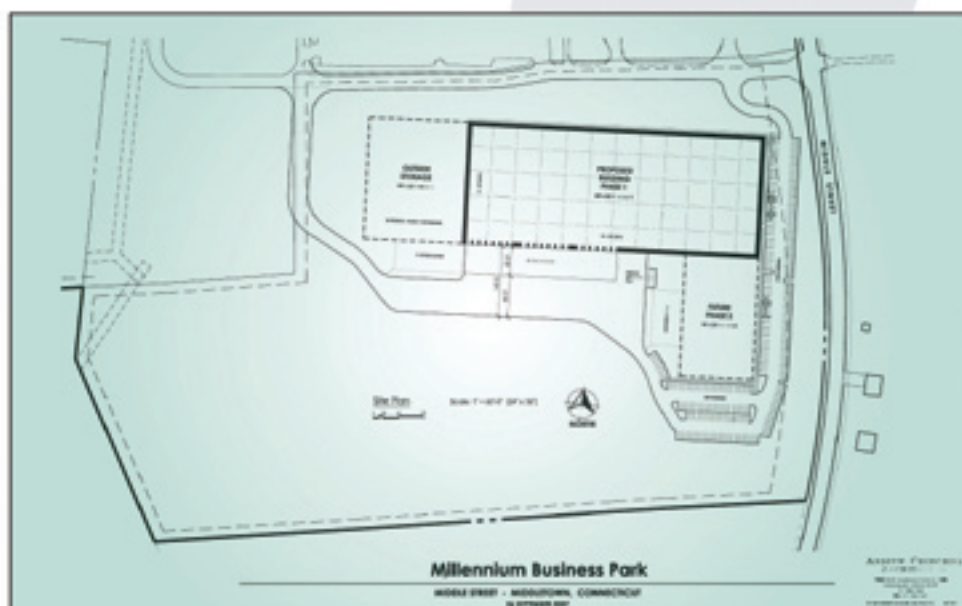
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